

## Speech Refuting the Opinion of David Hume

David Hume does not believe Africans were significant contributors to society, in his opinion enslavement was appropriate. On the contrary, Africans helped society throughout a variety of fields, including invention, astrology, architecture, mathematics, science, geography, trade and infrastructure.

Africans invented paper that is used today, thus people recorded language and monetary transactions without the need to carry around heavy clay tablets. Society began to keep records because of the thin paper. Stacks of paper were filed rather than kept in piles of unorganized clay.

Astrological advancements by Africans were the acknowledgement of the sun rising in the east and setting in the west, hence the creation of a day. This led to the development of the calendar. Calendars help to track a day, week or month, allowing for future commitments to be maintained.

Architectural advancements made by the Africans were unique and structures they created withstood the test of time. They identified the triangle as the strongest shape and created structures based on that knowledge. The pyramid is an example of a discovery continuing to provide information today. Bridges are constructed using triangles as the base structure.

Mathematics is the most important advancement Africans explored. Fields of math studied include algebra, geometry and the number zero. Researchers believe Africans invented the number zero. Today, we use algebraic and geometric equations to calculate, solve problems and create architecture.

Scientific advancements the Africans explored include the brain. They understood the significance of the brain on the human body. Africans researched and understood more than most kingdoms and continents throughout the world.

*geographically*  
Travel and exploration required time and money to achieve. Africa was incredibly advanced geographical. Africans travelled to Asia and Europe and created maps from their voyages.

Trade was important, it allowed Africans to obtain goods throughout the world. Records reveal Africa was an extremely wealthy trading empire. They traded with China and India.

The development of African infrastructure was important because it allowed people to trade. Roads and bridges were necessary to travel to sell goods. In their travels, they obtained and recorded additional knowledge to further advance African society. Records reveal their roads were wide, long and in good condition. Through trade, they had money to spend on improving their infrastructure. Improved infrastructure led to more income.

Africa was civilized and significantly helped societal advancement. These advancements included inventions, astrology, architecture, mathematics, science, geography, trade and infrastructure. Without African discovery and exploration today's world would have a very different countenance.

Excellent Cameroon. Evidence of additional research to support the sources + your arguments. Each point is related to a characteristic of civilization - eg trade, infrastructure.  
Well done